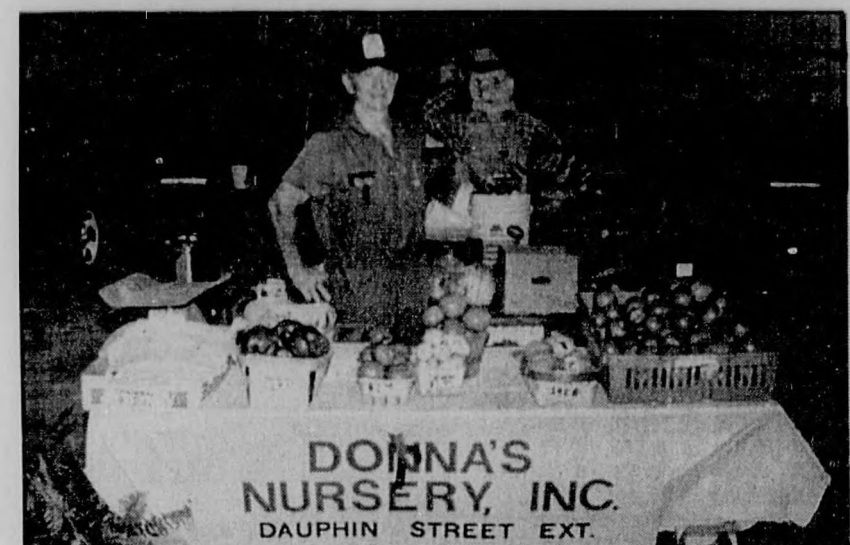




WHAT'S A PICNIC WITHOUT WATERMELON...Last week, the residents of the Elba Nursing Home were treated to a picnic. For lunch, they had grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Later in the afternoon, after lunch had settled, there was an old fashion watermelon cuttin' held in front of the facility. None of the residents seem to mind the hot weather (temperature was in the high 90s), in fact, they fared better than the "youngsters" serving the melon.



FARMERS MARKET...Gerald Hartley, of Enterprise, was the winner of the Coffee County Farmers Market Table Display last week. He is pictured above with his table full of fresh vegetables backed up with more produce on the pick-up truck. His "farmer friend" can be seen takin' it easy on the back of the truck.

Angela Hughes - County Agent

Keeping baby's world clean is overwhelming task

Babies are a special part of any family and generate lots of love and lots of laundry. Keeping baby's world clean and sweet-smelling can seem like an overwhelming task. The sooner a soil or stain is treated, the more effective the results. Presoak products are especially effective for loosening soils and stains from sources that come hand in hand with babyhood: baby formula, milk, eggs, baby foods, vomit and urine.

Follow the package directions for the recommended amount. The soak period varies from 1/2 hour for light stains to a possible overnight for heavier stains. If the item was particularly expensive and/or has sentimental value, it's best not to wait. Apply a pretreat product and launder as soon as possible.

To help eliminate odors and stains, liquid household bleach, colorfast bleach or borax can be used alone to soak or with detergent for washing. Check the care labels to determine the type of bleach that is safe for the fabric.

While fabric softeners will soften baby's clothes, they may reduce the effectiveness of flame retardancy on fabrics like those used for sleepwear. Because of this, do not use fabric softeners either in the washer or dryer when laundering children's sleepwear.

If you use cloth diapers, shake or scrape solids into the toilet. Then, rinse the diaper in clean water. Deposit soiled diapers in a soaking solution made from detergent, presoak product or bleach. Follow the label directions for the correct usage and amount.

For safety purposes and to prevent odors, use a diaper pail with a tight-fitting lid. When diapers are ready to be washed, pour diapers and the soak solution into the washer and set controls to spin to remove excess water. Then wash the diapers using



GROWIN' THEM BIG...Mr. C. A. Slawson of Elba is pictured with two of his home-grown tomatoes. One of the juicy giants measured 15 inches around and weighed 1-3/4 pounds. The other one weighed in at 1-1/4 pounds and measured 14-1/2 inches in diameter. Mr. Slawson did not know what brand the tomatoes were; however, he did know that they taste delicious.

There are several bull breeds right now in Coffee County: Angus, Beef Master, Brangus, Charolais, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Santa Gertrudis, Red Angus, Brahman, Chianina, and Seimmental.

If you want more information concerning the right bull for your herd I will be more than happy to help you. All breeds have something to offer -- the trick is to find the one that is going to give you the most for your money and help you to move up and not backwards.

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102 YOUNG PEOPLE from throughout the Wiregrass area attended the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp held at the Coffee County Farm Center on April 26. Those attending from Coffee County included (l-r, front row): Jonathan Holliday, Jermaine Doby, Heather Carroll, Amanda Estrada, Sean Blough, Brian Beasley; (l-r, 2nd row): Quenton Doby, Troy Cook, Tiffany McGrath, Hillary Mack, Tara McGrath, Summer Lewis; (l-r, 3rd row): Dennis Busby, Jared Hussey, Ryan Muehlbach, Ashley Green, Brittany Thompson, Marissa Grogg.

Do-it-yourself home cleaners

All-Purpose Spray - Use this mixture for counter tops, outside of appliances, and for general cleaning:

- 1 Tablespoon ammonia
 - 1 Tablespoon liquid detergent
 - 2 cups water
- Mix and put in a spray bottle.
- Sanitizing Solution** - Use this to sanitize cutting boards, counter tops, knife blades, and other surfaces that have been in contact with raw meat.
- 1-1/2 teaspoons chlorine bleach
 - 1 gallon water
- Rinse and dry surfaces after using this solution.
- Window Cleaner**
- 2 cups rubbing alcohol
 - 1 Tablespoon ammonia
 - 1 Tablespoon liquid detergent
 - Water
- Mix ingredients in a gallon container. Add enough water to fill the container and use it as a window spray. This solution will help prevent steaming and freezing.

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- *Summer Year Round with Frozen Vegetables, HE-16A
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 - *Canning Fruit, HE-117
 - *Let's Can Snapbeans, HE-26
 - *Let's Can Tomatoes, HE-43
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REV. A. R. WILLIAMS TO HEAD SCHOOL BOARD

City BOE's finances in good shape

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Summertime is "mater sandwich time, especially in this part of the country. There is nothing to compare with slices of a large, red, vine-ripened tomato, a leaf of crisp lettuce, two slices of fresh bread, a large glob of quality mayonnaise, all sprinkled with some salt and pepper in that southern favorite... tomato sandwiches! Personally, we like a large tomato, when one slice hangs out on all four sides of the bread, however a smaller tomato sometimes seems to be a bit sweeter and three thick slices of one of those makes a mighty fine sandwich.

About once a week, we like to take one of those real red tomatoes, quarter it and drop in a spoonful or two of cottage cheese. Top that with a little mayo and some salt and pepper and chow down.

When eating either (or both) of the above treats, we have been known to wonder aloud how heaven could be any better than this!

Longtime Elba resident and now Alabama Supreme Court Justice Terry Butts has been making the news lately. He continues to consider what he told Elba folks about months ago... running for governor of Alabama. There have been a couple of flattering news articles lately getting Terry statewide exposure as he tests the political waters. While Butts is being quoted as deferring to the Lt. Governor who "has paid his dues," our sources close to the power brokers in this matter are leaning to keeping Siegelman in his position of presiding over the Alabama Senate and thus controlling which bills pass or don't pass. They reportedly want the Lt. Governor to serve one more term in that office and THEN challenge for the top job. However, if Butts does resign from the Supreme Court and run for governor, win or lose he too will have "paid his dues." This should then give him the right to be considered by these same power brokers as the man to back... assuming he won the first time or made a respectable run against Fob.

Oh, don't bet your money on Fob running for president. Stranger things have happened, but not this time, in our opinion. That is all staff put out by staffers who don't have enough work to do and begin to envision themselves strutting around the White House.

The main man at Microsoft, Bill Gates, is reportedly worth something in the neighborhood of \$36.4 billion. Number two is the family of the late Sam Walton, but Gates has got more than that whole family put together. In fact you could add most, if not all, of Elba with the Waltons and friend Bill would still be the leader. Now that is a lot of money in anybody's book. While he kept piling up millions, most of it is apparently in Microsoft stock and this means he could lose a billion dollars in a single day. But then if you have 36.4 billion, why worry about the one or two you might lose tomorrow?

Most everyone has dreamed of winning that million dollar jackpot. For Geoffrey Spann of Troy, that chance came and went without him having to pay all those taxes. M&M candy has a contest going in which a gray candy piece was a million dollar winner, but Spann (nor this country boy either) didn't know about that. He found one and threw it away, thinking it was a messed up piece of candy. A day or so later, he realized what had happened, but to no avail. After digging through a dumpster, he and his wife found the magic M&M, but later, after the dumpster had been emptied, learned they also needed the package it came in. They reportedly were already deciding to give part to the woman who purchased the candy for the church group and part to the church building fund, but now none of them get anything but a lot of expensive experience. Amazingly, Mr. Spann and his wife can still laugh after this ordeal.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of July 8, 1997 through July 14, 1997. They were: Joann Rhodes, Pearl Culver, Ray Rhodes, James Kilpatrick, Lola Thomas, Mattie Graham, F. G. Cooper, James Jones, Cynthia Lewis, Mavis Parks, Judy Dunnivant, Gladys Marshall, Dorothy Parrish, Rhonda Mills, Bonnie Johnson, Troy Tyler, Marie Pouncy, Lois Locklar, and Katherine White.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Ricky Hill, Mattie Graham, Joann Rhodes, Ray Rhodes, James Kilpatrick, Cynthia Lewis, Pearl Culver, F. G. Cooper, and Judy Dunnivant.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JULY 7 Thru JULY 13, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 7, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, one leaving the scene of an accident, two violations of Alabama Protection Act of Abuse, one property recovery, two assaults, one burglary, and one harassment.

Arrests were as follows: one for violation of Alabama Protection Act of Abuse and one for unauthorized use of a vehicle. Traffic citations issued were as follows: thirteen for speeding, one for an expired tag, one for running a stop sign, one for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for driver's license required, and one for driving while driver's license are revoked.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
MONDAY, JULY 7 - Rescue run to a residence on Old Samson Road (3:21 a.m.); River stage - 5.71 (6:33 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (6:33 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (9:56 p.m.); Rescue run to Little Beaver Trailer Court (11:16 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 8 - River stage - 7.45 (6:17 a.m.); Disturbance reported on West St. (11:28 a.m.); Alarm at Runt's Auto Sav (10:35 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 - River stage - 6.36 (6:24 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 10 - River stage - 5.18 feet (6:17 a.m.); Alarm at the Peoples Bank (8:06 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Windham St. (9:09 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Regency Apts. (8:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JULY 11 - Prowler reported on Reese Ave. (4:28 a.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-3823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERS ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. - City Hall
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LEONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thru - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thru - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Back Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS - 1st Thru - 7:30 p.m. - Mon-Fri. - 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 p.m. - Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5851
COFFEE COUNTY CO-OPNETHS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Discord lounge

This space made possible by National Security Insurance Co.



ONE-CAR CRASH INJURES ONE...Judith Lynn Avera, 26, of 413 Ann Street, Troy, AL was seriously injured in a one-car crash on Coffee County Road 119 near the Chestnut Grove Community. The accident occurred shortly after 3:00 p.m. last Friday. It took fire, rescue, and law enforcement personnel several minutes using the jaws of life to free Mrs. Avera from the badly damaged vehicle. She was taken to Edge Regional Medical Center, in Troy, by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. Assisting the Five Star Volunteer Fire Department and Elba Rescue Squad were deputies from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. Alabama State Trooper Tracy Nelson investigated the car crash. He stated Mrs. Avera apparently lost control of her vehicle, left the roadway, striking a tree. Mrs. Avera was wearing her seat belt and the vehicle's air bags deployed.

ALABAMA'S ROADS HIGHWAYS or DIEWAYS?

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vert) at the construction site of the new Enterprise Courthouse.

***Approved a preliminary plat for the Windfield Place Subdivision being developed by Weatherford Land Company Incorporated of Enterprise, AL. The subdivision will be located north of Enterprise just off AL Hwy. 51 with access to Co. Rd. 266.

***Gave approval for the tower clock in the Elba Courthouse to be repaired.

***Instructed County Administrator Wilson Mobley (motion and unanimous vote of commission) to set up meetings with companies selling electronic voting machines in order to explore the possibility of replacing the county's present voting machines.

***Set in motion the plan to move the voting place in District 5 from the Coleman's Mortuary to the Old Mulberry School Complex.

TSU AIDS ELBA SPECIAL ED...Pictured above with Charles Pearce, superintendent of Elba City Schools, is Dr. Anita Harding, Dean of the School of Education, Troy State University. TSU's Special Education Department has given Elba City Schools many useful and resourceful teaching materials. These materials, made by students in the special education field, will be used with special education students in the Elba school system. Teachers and administrators in the Elba system are appreciative to TSU for these games and materials donated for use in the classroom.

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ELBA NATIVE ART WILLIAMS (l) will perform with Phil Kelley (r) and Sheila Fayson Jackson July 20 to benefit Troy-Pike Habitat for Humanity. The benefit concert will be held at 2 p.m. in the Adams Center Performing Arts Theatre on the Troy State University Troy campus. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. Art, who has appeared in the title role of the TSU production of the *Will Rogers Follies*, was recently an invited guest for "Mister Rogers Neighborhood" in Pennsylvania. One of Art's performances will be a selection from the popular television series.

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AREA DEATHS

BEULAH MAE ALLEN

Mrs. Beulah Mae Allen, age 72, of Rt. 1, Elba, died July 9, 1997, at Enterprise Medical Center.

Funeral services were held July 11, 1997, at 3 p.m. at Woodland Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. Seaborn Wooten and Rev. E.A. McGriff officiating.

Burial was in Woodland Grove Church Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Allen was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County. She was preceded in death by a son, William Clifton Allen, and a grandson, Craig Allen.

Survivors include her husband: Clifford Allen, Elba; three daughters: Linda McGuirt, Dadeville; Cindy Smith, Helena; Pam Stebbins, McAlpin, Fla.; two sons: Huey Wayland and Gary Allen, Elba; five granddaughters: Muzi Kenyon, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mallory Allen, Elba; Ashley Smith, Helena; Brooke Dionne and Haley Stebbins, McAlpin, Fla.; six grandsons: Scott McGuirt and Bryan McGuirt, Mobile; Justin Allen, Kevin Allen, Elba; Brandon Smith, Helena; Kyle Stebbins, McAlpin, Fla.; a step-sister: Alice DeBardelaben, New Brockton.

JOHN FRAZIER COLEMAN

Mr. John Frazier Coleman of Elba died July 4, 1997. He was born Nov. 18, 1933.

Funeral services were held July 11, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Greater New Zion Baptist Church, with Rev. W.L. Peterson officiating, and Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Velma Lee Coleman, Elba; father and step-mother: Robert and Rose Coleman; one son: Jimmy Coleman, Ridgecrest, Calif.; seven daughters: Yvonne Coleman, Birmingham; Patricia Ann Tyson; Renethia Siler (Larry); Gwendolyn Rayborn (Tommy); Velvet Coleman, Carman Coleman, Mary Helen Moultry, all of Elba; sisters: Jewel (Edward) Jones, Troy; Tina Coleman, Montgomery; brothers: Buford (Elizabeth) Lenard; Husher (Carmen) Lenard, Dayton, Ohio; Frank (Sandra) Lenard, Detroit, Mich.; grandchildren: Dionne, Shawn, Ebonnie, Dee Dee, Donnell, Tyrone, Marcus, Kabrasha, Ann, Travis, Aaron, Derrick, Men-da, Josh, Jimmy, Quint, Nod, Mar-co, Jessica, Kym, guest-grandchildren: Alexis, Johnathan, Anthony, Christopher.

Blood Drive

coming to Elba

The American Red Cross and Elba Community will hold a Blood Drive on Friday, July 18, at the First Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The drive will be held 3 - 6:30 p.m.

The Red Cross urges every qualified person to come out and "Give the Gift of Life."

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Socials and Community News

Miss Cain and Mr. Voelkel announce wedding plans for September

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glenn Cain of Montgomery announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Anne, to Andrew Henry Voelkel, son of Ms. Margaret McCarty of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Henry Voelkel of Covington, La.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Katherine L. Harper and the late Carlton Cain of Elba, and David R. Norwood and the late Vontiel Norwood of Enterprise.

She is a 1992 graduate of Jeff Davis High School in Montgomery, and a 1996 Cum Laude graduate of Auburn University, with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

She was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Golden Key, Order of Omega, Kappa Delta Pi and Rho Lambda honoraries and Alpha Delta Pi social sorority.

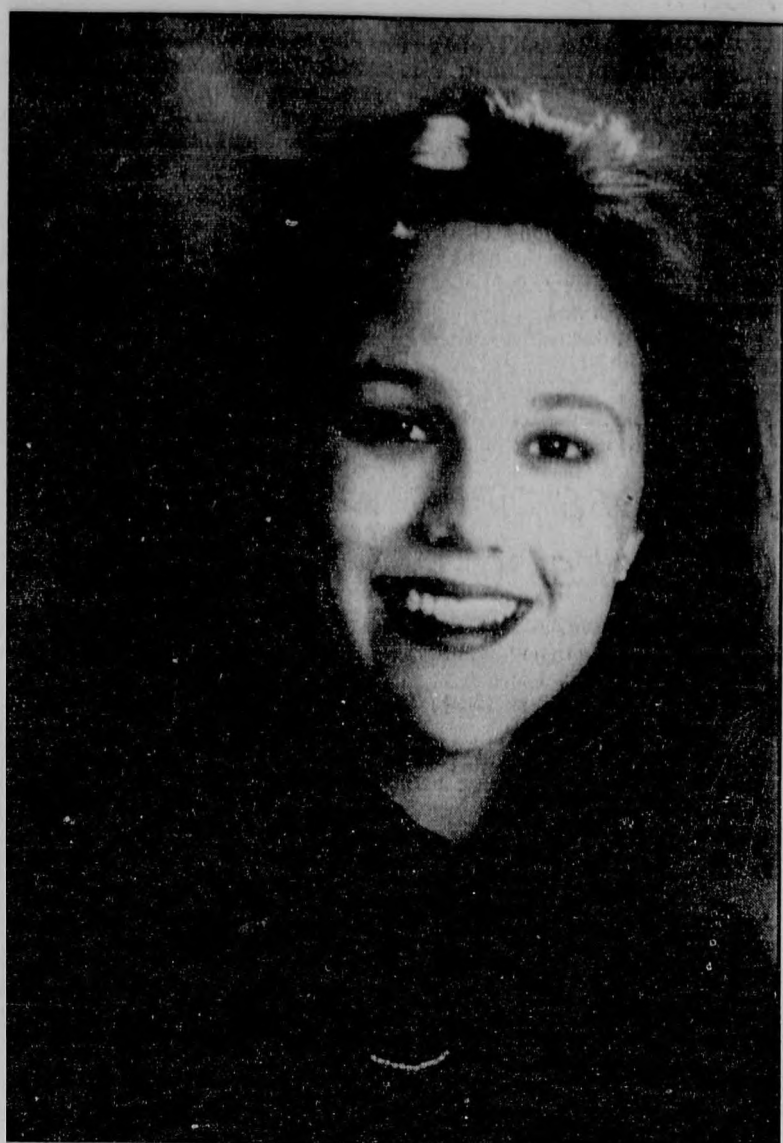
The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Vivian Voelkel and the late Henry Voelkel of Covington, La., and Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Turner of LaGrange, Ga.

He is a 1992 graduate of Mandeville High School and a 1997 graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Civil Engineering.

He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He is employed with Brasfield and Gorrie General Contractor, Inc., of Birmingham.

The wedding will take place at four o'clock in the afternoon on Sept. 6 at Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Montgomery.



Miss Cain

University of Alabama to have Alumni meeting

The Coffee and Geneva County Chapters of the Alabama Alumni Association will have a summer chapter meeting on Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Country Club. All fans, friends and alumni are invited.

Price is \$15 per person and speaker will be offensive line coach Neil Callaway. Dress is casual, and meal will be barbecue ribs.

For more information or reservations call Mary Sue Gair at 347-7268 in Enterprise; Susie Stokes - 897-5533, Elba; or Dr. Dale Mitchell's office in Geneva - 684-3007.

Locklar Reunion set for August 2nd

The annual Locklar reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

This reunion includes descendants of Henry and Hattie Locklar. For more information contact Marie Locklar at 894-5548.

Damascus School Reunion to be held August 9th

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Aug. 9, at the Coffee County Farm Complex in New Brockton, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and beverage.

Those who wish may bring an item for a door prize or for auction.

New Arrival

HADLEY ELLEN HAYES Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillip Hayes IV announce the birth of a daughter on July 8, 1997.

Hadley Ellen Hayes weighed six pounds and seven ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches in length.

She was welcomed home by her big brother, Charles Phillip Hayes V, 18 months old.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Martin of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes III of Elba.

Proud great-grandmothers are Mrs. Dorothy Armour of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Catherine Martin Sr., St. Louis, Mo.; and Mrs. Fay Colquett, Elba.



Miss Vick, Mr. Hudson

Miss Vick & Mr. Hudson to be united in marriage

Jimmy and Jo Vick of Andalusia announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tammy Lee Vick, to Stephen Dwan Hudson of Andalusia, son of Dwan and Vicki Hudson of Andalusia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Fred and Eunice Johnson of Andalusia; Carrie Vick and the late Frank Vick of Andalusia.

She is a graduate of Andalusia High School.

The wedding will take place Aug. 9, at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Andalusia.

He is employed with Shaw Industries.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Joe L. and Myrtle Hudson of Elba, and Maude Moody of Opp.

He is employed with Shaw Industries.

The wedding will take place Aug. 9, at two o'clock in the afternoon at First Baptist Church of Andalusia.

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AU Honors List released

Auburn University students who meet specific scholarship requirements each quarter are placed on a list for the dean of the student's school or college for recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

On the Dean's List from Elba are: Agriculture - Robyn M. Rhoades; Engineering - Amanda E. Calhoun.

Liberal Arts - Joseph E. Jacobs. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled for 15 or more graded credit hours, pass all courses attempted for the quarter and earn a grade point average of at least 3.4.

Miss Martin to wed Mr. Murph in September

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis C. Martin of Enterprise High School and Auburn University, and currently completing her Ph.D. in Psychology at Auburn.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Jimmie Smith and the late Ronald Smith of Elba, and the late Johnnie Murph of Luverne, and the late Jesse G. Murph of Elba.

He is a graduate of Westminster Christian Academy in Huntsville, and Auburn University in computer engineering, and is currently employed at TASC, Inc. in Montgomery.

The wedding will be an event of Sept. 6, 1997, at two o'clock in the afternoon in County Line Baptist Church, with a reception in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

A Stamp Show to be held at Ft. Walton Beach.

"Stampfest III '97" will be held Saturday, July 26, at Ft. Walton Beach, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The show is being presented by the Panhandle Philatelic Society, and will be located on Carol Street, just off Mary Esther Cutoff.

Admission is free and free parking is available, and free stamp collecting newspapers will be available.

Collectors of all levels are invited.

Everyone is invited.

Guest speaker will be Osmond Hicks.

Fairview Baptist Church is located on U.S. Hwy 87, nine miles north of Samson. Rev. Samuel E. Tuten is pastor.

Everyone is invited to come and worship God together.

Revival services being held at Grace Fellowship Assembly.

Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly of God Church will have revival services July 13 - 18.

Services on Sunday evening will begin at 6, and Monday - Friday, at 7 p.m.

Rev. Grady Driggers will be the speaker. There will be special singing each evening.

The church is located in Level Plains beside City Hall on old Highway 134.

Cemetery Working planned at Pleasant Ridge.

There will be a cemetery working at Pleasant Ridge near Victoria, Saturday, July 19th.

Everyone is encouraged to come and bring your tools.

Alabama All-State Choir to be in concert at First Assembly of Enterprise.

The 68-member Alabama All-State Choir will perform at Enterprise First Assembly of God Church on Tuesday evening, July 22, at 7 o'clock.

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Tommy Connor, is composed of young people from all over the state who competed and earned their position in the choir.

The church is located on the 84 by-pass across from Wal-Mart.

For more information call the church office at 347-8447.

Calvary Baptist to celebrate homecoming.

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ADULT EDUCATION - New Brockton

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Classes are being taught at **NO CHARGE** at New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays 5-8 p.m.

Interested adults may enroll in these **FREE** adult education classes at any time and at any session. Call 393-ESJC, Ext. 218.

MICROCOMPUTER - LEVEL II
A session of Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, *Using the Microcomputer - Level II*, is offered at the Ft. Rucker campus this summer quarter.

This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Participants will learn the basic concepts of computer hardware components and basic capabilities of a variety of software packages including WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and dBase III+.

A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is July 19.

Class meets Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Windows '95 Lab. Space is limited to the first 15 to register.

For more information, call 393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

ENGLISH CLASS
English-as-a-second-language classes at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels are now offered **FREE**, to adult non-native speakers of English.

Students learn skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Classes are available for **NO CHARGE** at New Brockton High School, Room 12, on Mondays 5-8 p.m.

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ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:1-14
Thinking of you, praying for you
Onie Bell Daniels, Roderick Ricks, Mary Bell Belcher, Fred Culver, Ruth Head, Robert Belcher, Sr., Jessie Bell, Kimberly Kelley, Mattie Ruth Henderson, Mary Brooks, Priscilla Kelley, Lizzie Rodgers.

Guest evangelist for the week will be Rev. Danny Benjamin, pastor Bethesda and Castleberry Grove Baptist Church. Services will begin at 7:30 each night.

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Services begin at 11 a.m. For more information contact Jennifer Long Henderson - 334/472-3519; Juanita Belcher Brooks - 334/347-4728; Darlene Tillis Brown - 334/894-6538; Dwight Long - 334/244-1749; Ernestine Belcher Kelley - 334/897-3611.

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All activities will be at the church; good as you are - casual wear.

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George Tabb-County Agent

Use caution when working outdoors

EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN WORKING OUTDOORS

Probably the best advice for people who will be working in their yards and gardens this summer is to use caution and common sense. About 400,000 people are treated in hospital emergency rooms each year for injuries from lawn and garden tools.

Annually more than 25,300 people are injured and 75 people are killed or near riding lawnmowers and garden tractors. One out of every seven garden equipment can be dangerous even when it's not in use.

Weed and hedge-trimming equipment, any clothing caught in moving parts, can be hazardous if mishandled.

By following manufacturer's instructions and taking some precautions, you can prevent injuries this summer.

First, dress appropriately. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts that are close-fitting to avoid getting any clothing caught in moving parts. Don't wear jewelry that can get caught in moving machinery.

Choose sturdy shoes with slip-resistant soles that cover your feet completely.

Use eye and hearing protection plugs when operating motor-driven equipment. Wear heavy gloves to help protect your hands from cuts and blisters. Before starting machinery, remove objects from your work area that can cause injury or damage equipment, such as sticks, glass, metal and stones.

Make sure that safety devices on the equipment are in place and working properly.

Never let a child ride or operate a garden tractor or riding mower, even if the child is supervised. Teenagers should be allowed to operate a door power equipment only if they are strong and mature enough to do so safely and have been properly trained. An adult should supervise their work.

Keep children away from areas where outdoor power equipment is being used. Be alert and turn off the mower if children enter the mowing area. Use extra care when backing up or when approaching corners, shrubs and trees.

Unplug electric tools and disconnect spark plug wires on gasoline-powered tools before making adjustments or clearing jams near moving parts.

Be sure power tools are turned off and made inoperable if they must be left unattended to prevent their use by children.

Handle gas carefully. Never fill gasoline tanks while machinery is on or when equipment is hot. Wipe up spills. Store gas in an approved container away from the house.

Finally, never smoke or use any

type of flame around gasoline or any gasoline-powered equipment.

Never work with electric power tools in wet or damp conditions. For protection against electrocution, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

Make sure extension cords are in good condition, rated for outdoor use and the proper gauge for the tool.

NOISE HAZARDS ON THE FARM
GEORGE TABB - COUNTY AGENT

When people think about potential hazards on farms, they may not consider the hazards of loud, constant noise. But, high noise levels are a common health hazard for agricultural workers.

An estimated 10 percent of U.S. farm workers are exposed to average daily noise levels above 85 decibels, which is the "action" level at which hearing conservation programs are required for industrial workers.

University research has found noise-induced hearing loss affects 25 percent of younger farmers and at least 50 percent of older farmers. Many develop a communication handicap by age 30.

Prolonged exposure to excessive noise causes permanent hearing loss. If you work around tractors, combines, choppers, grain dryers or chain saws, you can protect your hearing with earmuffs or earplugs.

Earmuffs tend to be more effective, but the level of protection varies due to differences in size, shape, seal material, shell mass and type of suspension. Earplugs may be custom-fitted or pre-formed rubber, plastic or foam inserts.

Pre-formed inserts are cheaper, but earplugs properly inserted into the ear and custom-fitted by trained personnel are more effective.

If you are frequently exposed to loud noises, you should have a hearing test regularly. If a hearing loss is discovered, take steps to reduce exposure and lower the risk of further damage to your ears.

Richard Patcher - County Agent

Few changes in peanut herbicides

WHAT'S NEW IN PEANUT WEED CONTROL

There are only a few changes in our peanut herbicides this year. Here is a brief summary of each of them. I hope this article is helpful to you.

Starting with our preplant herbicide, the first change is in Prowl. You can now purchase Prowl in a new form called Pentagon 60DG.

Prowl, of course, is a preplant incorporated grass herbicide and the Pentagon 60DG is a dry granular form instead of the liquid.

The second change is in the new chemical Cadre DG. It is now sold as a dispersible granular herbicide. It comes in a small package which covers two acres. This is the same chemical as the Cadre 2S at the 4-ounce rate.

The next new chemical is Frontier. It was labeled a little late last year for use on peanuts. This chemical is much like Dual. It is a preplant incorporated herbicide.

Its claim to fame is yellow nutsedge. The use rate to control yellow nutsedge is 1.5 pints per acre. The price is somewhat comparable to other preplant herbicides.

I think it is important that we not overlook the chemical Pursuit. It is a very good herbicide for controlling both purple and yellow nutsedge at approximately a \$15-per-acre cost.

It can be used preplant or post-emergence. The re-cropping restriction is a problem. But if you do not have bagged and want to control nutsedge, this is a good chemical.

Cadre DG is still the best nutsedge control for both yellow and purple nutsedge and has season-long control. The cost is around \$30 per acre and again there is a lengthy re-cropping restriction.

During this economic crunch, our farmers need to look at each field and its particular weeds in determining which herbicide to use.

Starfire plus surfactant is still a great treatment. The \$3 to \$3.50 treatment per acre is hard to beat.

You can add \$4 or so you can add one-half pint Basagran as a safener. You can add a full pint for some yellow nutsedge and cocklebur control. You can also add Butoxone fairly cheaply for increased broadleaf control.

The chemical Storm is often added to the Starfire treatment for another \$12 or so. However, considering all of these treatments and their costs, the Starfire plus surfactant is certainly worth considering.

Tough and 2-4-DB are good treatments for small bagged weeds. The Tough is usually around \$14 and the



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Sandra Coffey-County Extension Coordinator

Plans for Chins-Up Camp underway

CHINS-UP CAMP

Plans are well underway for the 1997 Chins-Up Camp. Malcolm Colbert II is our volunteer chairperson this year

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Changes in your garbage pick-up

Dear Coffee County Resident,

Many of you are aware, Mark Dunning Industries, Inc. (MDI) will begin residential garbage collection for Coffee County residents October 1, 1997. It will be our privilege to serve you and it is our desire to make the transition smooth, uneventful and as convenient as possible for you.

In our effort to provide each of you with uninterrupted service, each resident will be required to complete an enrollment for service. To minimize confusion and for your convenience MDI will enroll county residents by sections according to the above county map and schedule to the right. It is essential that this enrollment schedule be followed to allow us the opportunity to serve you. Every county resident must enroll and must have a MDI garbage container. We are not able to service the

previous contractors containers.

The fees for your new service will be billed on a quarterly basis at \$24.69. You will be billed one month prior to the quarter for which service is provided. When you enroll for service and pick-up your new container you will be required to pay a container deposit equal to one month's service \$8.23. This deposit will be credited to your account on your first bill. We gladly accept VISA and Mastercard.

If you have any questions concerning enrollment and container pickup or if you are in need of special assistance, please call us Toll free 1-888-735-5111.

We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to serving you.

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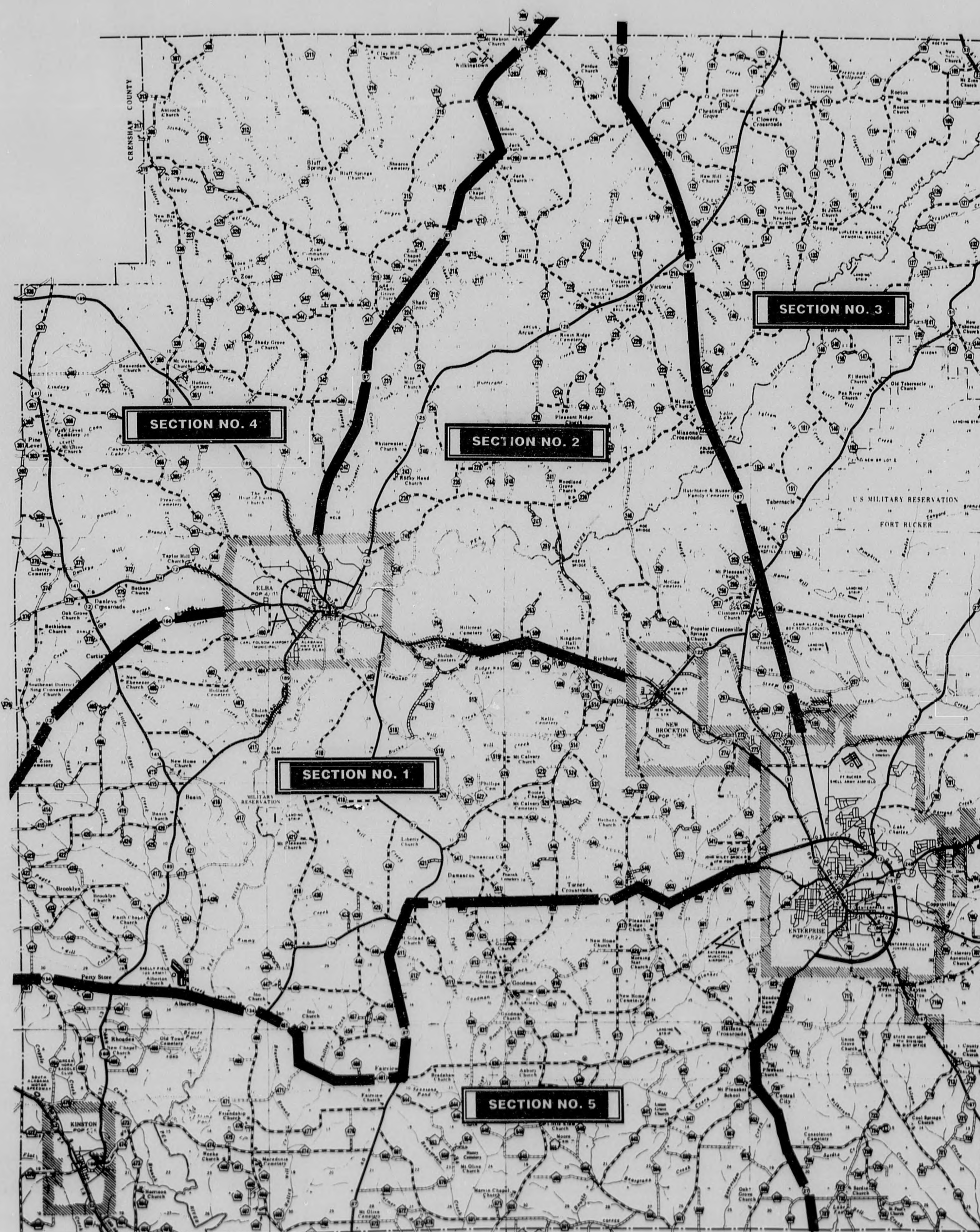
COFFEE COUNTY RESIDENT GARBAGE CONTAINER PICK-UP AND ENROLLMENT SCHEDULE

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Section No.	Enrollment Period Container Pick-Up	Garbage Pick-Up Day of Week
1	July 23 - July 31	Monday
2	Aug. 2 - Aug. 13	Tuesday
3	Aug. 14 - Aug. 25	Wednesday
4	Aug. 26 - Sept. 3	Thursday
5	Sept. 4 - Sept. 17	Friday

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Jury venire law ruled unconstitutional

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Last Thursday, July 17, William Hightower, Circuit Judge - Coffee County, Alabama (by special assignment), declared Legislative Act 96-454 unconstitutional.

He ruled that the Act which changed the way juries are selected in Coffee County was "unconstitutional in violation of Article 1, §6, Article 4, §105 of the Constitution of Alabama, 1901, and the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States."

Judge Hightower further stated in his ruling that "the defendants will draw all grand and petit jury venires for Coffee County, Alabama, only from the division in which the trial will be held."

The Act, No. 96-454, was introduced during the 1996 session of the Alabama Legislature by Representative Garrett Moore and was passed

by the legislature.

The local act created an at-large jury pool in Coffee County. Heretofore, juries have been selected in each county, Alabama (by special assignment), declared Legislative Act 96-454 unconstitutional.

Also, the local act called for grand juries to be selected from county-wide jury venires.

This was the second time the new jury venire law had been challenged in court. An earlier case was heard by Judge Hightower in October of 1996 and ruled on in November of 1996.

In that case, Judge Hightower ruled that "Act 96-454 does not apply to crimes alleged to have been committed prior to May 20, 1996, and is not unconstitutional as to those offenses."

Representative Garrett Moore made the following comment con-

cerning the court's latest ruling concerning Act No. 96-454.

He said, "In 1996, I passed an act designed to bring more unity to this county. It has been constantly under attack by a small group of special interests. This is nothing new to me."

"I was the most opposed member of the Alabama House by trial lawyers and other special interests during the 1994 election cycle."

"I owe my loyalty only to the people of this county, not to the lawyers."

Moore indicated that the matter will go before the Supreme Court of Alabama which is vested with the final authority in matters such as this constitutional challenge.

"I'll await their decision before deciding if there needs to be a local constitutional amendment regarding this issue introduced in the 1998 regular session," he said. "I have no problem letting the people vote on this issue if that is what it takes to address our local needs without being controlled by a small group with obvious vested interests."

The attorneys representing the plaintiffs in this case were pleased with the judge's ruling.

The case was filed by attorneys Jeff W. Kelley, Paul Young and J. Stafford Pittman on behalf of Larry Pope, Billy Ray Farris and James Keith Johnson. Both civil and criminal matters were involved in the case.

The new county-wide jury venire law was recently endorsed, without dissent, by the Coffee County Commission. It also is supported by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office.

Judge cancels criminal court

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

A judge's recent ruling in the case testing the constitutionality of the new county-wide jury venire law affected scheduled court in Coffee County.

An order was issued Monday, July 21, cancelling the criminal jury term of court set for August 11, 1997 in the Enterprise Division.

The order signed by Circuit Judge Gary L. McAliley, Presiding Circuit Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit, stated, "Therefore, as an acting Circuit Judge has declared the 'Moore Bill' to be unconstitutional, until such time as the Alabama Supreme Court can resolve the issue of the 'Moore Bill's' constitutionality, no defendant indicted by a Coffee County-wide grand jury should be tried by jury."

Judge McAliley said it is possible that a divisional grand jury could be convened to review the cases of those individuals who

were indicted by a "county-wide" grand jury.

Should the indictments be reaffirmed, the court would be ready to try those individuals regardless of which way the Alabama Supreme Court rules.

In the meantime, the latest ruling does not mean that all those individuals presently under indictment will be released from jail or bond.

According to authorities, there are other laws on the books which will ensure that those individuals who have allegedly committed criminal offenses will be held accountable.

District Attorney Mark Fuller spoke with the Attorney General's office Tuesday morning and he was told that the court's recent ruling will be appealed to the Alabama Supreme Court.

Although District Attorney Mark Fuller personally supports the county-wide jury venire law, he states that he will uphold the law whatever it may be. It is his sworn duty.

No more Food Stamp coupons after September

Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) Commissioner Martha Nachman announced last week that her agency will issue the state's last Food Stamp coupons in September.

Beginning in October, all Alabama Food Stamp benefits will be issued through DHR's electronic Benefit Security Card system.

"Alabama retailers will continue to accept Food Stamp coupons for several years because other states will still be issuing them," said Commissioner Nachman, "but DHR is saying goodbye to the coupons."

The Food Stamp Program has been in operation statewide in Alabama since 1974. Early pilot programs were implemented in the state shortly after Congress created the program in 1964.

Commissioner Nachman said the switch from coupons to electronic cards is being made to improve services to recipients and save tax dollars. The electronic system will cut the administrative costs of issuing Food Stamp benefits in half and save

tax payers about \$3 million a year. DHR has successfully completed its four-month pilot of the new electronic system in Jefferson, Montgomery, and Russell counties.

The system was evaluated by an independent contractor—the United Corporation—and the state has been given federal approval to go statewide with it.

"We are extremely pleased with the pilot," said the Commissioner. "The system is remarkably trouble-free."

All banks and grocery stores have all been receptive to the system," she added. "Merchants, bankers, and welfare recipients in the pilot counties have all been receptive to the system."

The Benefit Security Card system will expand to 14 additional Alabama counties in August, to 28 counties in September, and to the final 22 counties in October. Coffee County will be included in the final 22 counties to implement the card system.

Alabama developed the electronic system as part of an eight-state coalition, but Alabama was the first state in the coalition to implement the system. Alabama's system is also the first in the nation to include federal as well as state benefits.

In addition to Food Stamps, the electronic system includes Family Assistance (formerly AFDC), Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and some federal pensions. Child Support payments and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) food instruments may be added later.

The card can be used in participating grocery stores to buy food. Recipients who receive cash benefits can use their cards to get cash at automated teller machines or make debit transactions.

NOTICE

Monetary donations for Hurricane Danny victims may be sent to the following:

The Salvation Army
P.O. Box 1025
Mobile, AL 36633-1025

or
American Red Cross
P.O. Box 1764
Mobile, AL 36633-1764

Sen. Adams authors bills dealing with appointments

60 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

If the appointment is not made in a timely manner by the governor, the right to make the appointment will pass to the lieutenant governor.

In either instance, the nominee for the appointment will be deemed to be confirmed if a majority of the full Senate does not vote to reject the appointment prior to adjournment of the fifth legislative day after which the confirmation is presented to the Senate during any regular or special session of the legislature.

If these bills are passed, the new procedure will prevent a long-running controversy such as the one involving the Auburn University Board of Trustees.

Senator Adams will attempt to get these bills passed during the special session later this year.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

FARMERS FEDERATION MEETING. The annual meeting of the Coffee County Farmers Federation will be held on Friday, July 25, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Auditorium. All veterans and their families are welcome. For more information call 598-5804.

VETERANS VETS. Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., will hold its regular monthly meeting at the VFW in Daleville, AL, on July 31, 1997, beginning at 6:00 p.m. sharp. The meeting is open to the public. All veterans and their families are welcome. For more information call 598-5804.

UA ALUMNI MEET. The Coffee & Geneva University of Alabama Alumni Chapters will meet on Tuesday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Enterprise Country Club. Following a barbecue rib dinner, the featured speaker will be Coach Neil Callaway. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Susie Stokes at 897-5533 for more information or reservations.

EHS ORIENTATION. Elba High School's seventh-grade student orientation will be held Thursday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and their parents are to attend. During this time, students and parents may visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. Lockers, schedules, and lunch accounts will also be available. On Monday, August 4, students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to pick-up schedules, purchase parking permits, arrange for lockers and lunch accounts.

JUMP START. Jump Start Days at Elba Elementary School will be Tuesday, August 5, through Thursday, August 7, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All kindergarten age children are urged to attend these sessions. No transportation will be provided. The student orientation will be conducted by kindergarten teachers.



GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES for the new Enterprise courthouse were held Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in front of the planned \$4.5 million facility. The ceremony was conducted by Coffee County Building Authority President Dr. Bruce Donaldson. Coffee County Commissioner Tom Grimley shared a few remarks and a short history of the Enterprise courthouse was given by Roy Shoffner.

Above, members of the building authority are assisted by several beauty queens in using the gold plated shovels to turn the first spadeful of dirt for the construction project. The facility is being built on the site of the former Enterprise courthouse, which has been torn down to make room for the new building.

Elba Council approves NCIC machine

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday night, July 21, in a special meeting, replacing the regular sessions scheduled for Monday, July 28. The official meeting was followed by an informal workshop with the city's engineer on revamping the proposal

for sewer system renovation/reversing duty to fit guidelines for federal funding.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth addressed the council on the progress of his efforts to secure a national computer link with a data base of criminal records, as well as vehicle registrations, etc. Presently Elba uses the Enterprise system.

The chief announced he had commitments from other agencies for \$4,050 toward the annual lease and

use of this equipment. It will cost Elba an additional \$1,100 annually, plus a one time set-up fee of several hundred dollars.

The equipment is authorized and furnished by the Alabama Criminal Justice System. All operators must be trained and certified to operate the equipment. Whitworth assured council members that the computer

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W&E bracing for summer

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The regular meeting of the Elba Water & Electric Board was routine and brief on Tuesday evening, July 15th.

Chairman Tim Johnson reviewed the financial report and presented the monthly bills for payment.

Johnson noted improvement in collecting utility accounts. He attributed that mostly to collections on one large commercial account.

The chairman predicted the financial reports for the next several months will reflect the increased use of electric power, as citizens and businesses use more air conditioning to beat the summer heat.

Monthly bills totaling \$32,370.72 were approved for payment.

Superintendent James Grimes reported the water department had responded to a lot of water leaks during the past month. He added that the electric department had answered 68 calls for power problems.

Alabama State Troopers see increase in manpower

Alabamians are seeing more state troopers on duty statewide as a result of the state's on-going effort to boost trooper manpower.

Col. L. N. Hagan, director of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), said "Trooper levels are increasing thanks to the commitment of Gov. Fob James and the Alabama Legislature."

Gov. James said he wants Alabama's roadways to be safe and will work to further increase the number of troopers on the highways.

"People need to know we have already increased the number of state troopers in Alabama by 110 during the past three years," said James.

"Without question, we have an increased trooper presence on Alabama's highways, and we're going to increase even more."

Public Safety to "proactively help motorists, arrest drunk drivers, enforce traffic laws and pursue criminal investigations," according to Col. Hagan.

Currently, Public Safety employs 699 state troopers, 508 of whom are assigned to the Highway Patrol Division, with the remaining troopers assigned to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, Driver License, Service and Administrative divisions.

Two classes of troopers have graduated from the department's academy this year to increase trooper personnel, with hiring of a third class scheduled for August. Two additional classes are planned for the 1997-98 Fiscal Year.

A 1981 Craven and Associates study conducted for the Alabama Personnel Department recommended

a trooper manpower level of 927, based upon registered vehicles, licensed drivers, population and miles driven. Public Safety is revising this figure to reflect current statistical and demographic data.

All prospective trooper applicants are encouraged to contact the state Personnel Department, (334)242-3389, or Public Safety's Recruiting Office, (334)242-4263, to receive information regarding trooper career opportunities.

NEWS BRIEF

An unauthorized furlough by an inmate from the Elba Work Release Center ended just before 6 p.m. last week (Tuesday, July 15). Jimmy Vickers, 18, was captured at approximately 5:53 p.m. in an area where he was last seen by the warden of the work release facility. Vickers had successfully eluded law enforcement officers for more than 7 hours. He ran from the center shortly after 10 a.m. when it was discovered that he had illegal drugs in his possession. It was believed that Vickers was trying to get a ride to Dothan (his home town) when he was taken into custody by Elba Police Officer Kenneth Jackson. Jackson was driving an unmarked police vehicle. Vickers was serving a 10-year sentence on first degree assault charges and second degree escape.